

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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## REAL ESTATE AGENTS RECOGNIZED BY HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

BISMARCK-The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) honored six real estate agents with Champion of Affordable Housing Awards at the 2006 North Dakota/South Dakota REALTORS® Convention.

"The real estate community plays a very important role in the promotion of the Housing Finance Agency's homeownership programs, as agents are typically a prospective homeowner's first source of home buying information," said Gov. John Hoeven. "We recognize and thank them for the outstanding service they provide for families realizing the dream of homeownership."

"One of the greatest services real estate agents can give is to help a young family obtain a home," said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. "For many households, homeownership is their primary means of wealth accumulation."

"Without the support of these dedicated agents, it would be hard for NDHFA to get information out to the households that could benefit from its programs," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

The Housing Finance Agency recognized Pat Karley and LuAnn White of Coldwell Banker First Realty-Encore, Fargo; Phyllis Christianson and Tracy Hoff of LaDuke & Associates, Dickinson; Alma Heid of Century 21 Landmark Realty, Mandan; and Pauline Olson of Luckow Real Estate, Hettinger.

The Champion of Affordable Housing Award recipients are judged on their participation in NDHFA homeownership programs, and their involvement in local community activities and projects promoting affordable housing and successful homeownership.

For more information about the Housing Finance Agency's homeownership programs contact NDHFA's Homeownership Division at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, (800) 366-6888 (TTY) or www.ndhfa.org.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, who serves as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees NDHFA.

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